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SUBJECT: DUAL PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL IN MIDDLE EAST

REF: DEPARTMENT'S OM (PT/FCD) OF NOVEMBER 17, 1977;
STATE 213966 OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1977

1. IN LATE OCTOBER THE POST FORWARDED TWO PASSPORT APPLICATIONS FOR MR BOWLING WITH WHAT WE BELIEVED WAS ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE HIM A SECOND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT LIMITED FOR TRAVEL TO ISRAEL. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT'S OM OF NOVEMBER 17 REQUESTS DOCUMENTATION JUSTIFYING NEED FOR THE SECOND PASSPORT BE SUBMITTED THROUGH EUR/EX.

2. MR BOWLING TRAVELS REGULARLY TO ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DUTIES AS THE REGIONAL FEDERAL BENEFITS COORDINATOR. HE MUST USE HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT TO ENTER AND LEAVE ISRAEL BECAUSE USE OF A REGULAR NO FEE PASSPORT IN THE PAST WAS QUESTIONED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. MR BOWLING PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ISRAEL IN DECEMBER AND CANNOT USE HIS PRESENT PASSPORT BECAUSE IT WILL EXPIRE BEFORE HE LEAVES ISRAEL TO RETURN TO ATHENS.

3. AS NOTED IN STATE 213966 IT IS NECESSARY FOR MR BOWLING TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT IN NEAR FUTURE TO ASSIST IN RESUMPTION OF NORMAL
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FEDERAL BENEFITS OPERATIONS. HE CANNOT ENTER LEBANON USING A PASSPORT CONTAINING ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC VISA, ENTRY AND EXIT STAMPS. THEREFORE, IF BOWLING IS TO CARRY OUT DESCRIBED DUTIES AT BEIRUT, DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO ISSUE AND SEND SECOND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR HIS USE ASAP

4. DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN NEW DIPLOMATIC

PASSPORTS ARE RECEIVED IN ATHENS THEY MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR GREEK VISAS AND THAT THIS PROCESS TAKES
TWO WEEKS.
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